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(*b*) the steps taken to utilise the Norwegian aid for this purpose?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for developing Pannaikayal estuary in Tiruchendur taluk by dredging the bar and channel and making the back-water an anchorage or canoes. Survey work is in progress and the estimates for dredging and maintaining the channel are expected to be drawn up in June 1962.

(*b*) The question of utilising the Norwegian aid for this purpose does not arise at this stage.

SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Is it not a fact that Pannaikayal estuary was proposed to be developed with the Canadian aid but was given up but the preliminary arrangements have been made. So, will not the Government think of the possibility of developing it with the Norwegian aid and give priority to it?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : I have no information about that.

Coral Reef (Tirunelveli district)

* 2353 *Q.*—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the steps taken to remove the coral reef in Periatalai in Tirunelveli district?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The Government have examined the question of removal of a suitable length of coral reef off the coast of Periatalai village in Tirunelveli district. As the estimates of expenditure for blasting of the coral reefs are very high, it has been decided that the work may be deferred till the Sethusamudram Project is taken.

SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : I remember that on a previous occasion the Government promised to invite some of the experts from the foreign countries to that place and examine the possibilities of it. Has it been examined by the experts?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The Government have examined the matter and found that the expenditure involved is rather very high.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Control of Infectious diseases

581 *Q.*—SRIMATHI S. HEMALATHA DEVI : கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தொத்து நோய்களை தடுப்பதற்கு என்னென்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டன ?

(இ) தொத்து நோய்கள் பரவும் இடங்களில் ஹோட்டலும் ஒன்றுதலால் ஹோட்டல்களுக்கு ஏதேனும் விதிகள் தெரிவித்ததுண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : *A.*—(அ) A statement[a] is appended.

(இ) Yes, the Madras Catering Establishment Act, 1958 and the Madras Public Health Act, 1939 and the rules issued thereunder.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XX at pages 1118–1121 infra.